

rainy sky outside was adding to its melancholy. As Merritt, sad and sad, stood at the window looking at the clouds in the sky, Adam came as usual. Patty Merritt said, "Adam! What a sad day! I am in a very sad mood today. And such an environment adds to my misery." Adam told Patty Merritt, "All days are beautiful to me." Even after a very sad day, those words of Leukemia patient Adam continued to give Patty Merritt the strength to live happily despite her grief.

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long ago. Giving the party's reins to him shows the party leadership's thought process. It wants a strong hand to take on the YSRC, which cannot claim the moral high ground either.

If we look at the larger picture, the worsening rhetoric of political leaders is definitely stoking tensions at the local level. TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu never tires of demonising YSRC chief and chief minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, not to speak of his colleagues who choose the choicest expletives regularly. The YSRC leaders, too, walk the extra mile to rub it in, in the same language. Jana Sena chief and actor Pawan Kalyan has been more vocal, using cinematic lingo in an obvious attempt to portray himself as the hero locked in a war with the villainous government. The optics and words may appear to be innocuous political entertainment, but their impact is felt at the grassroots.

Inspiring followers is one thing. But in the process, if they whip up political and communal tensions, it results in incidents like Macherla. All sides are geared up to hit the streets in the new year. They must understand that though politics is an emotion, violence cannot win hearts. It can only divide and alienate people.

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